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August 9.—Central Park, New York City. Meet at 106th Street and Fifth Avenue at 2 p. m. Guide, Dr. Schoeney.

August 16.—Grasmere, Staten Island. Leave foot of Whitehall Street at 1.30 p. m. Excursion fare, 20 cents. Guide, Miss Lawall.

August 23.—Fort Lee and Englewood, N. J. Leave by Fort Lee Ferry at 1.30 p. m. Excursion fare, 30 cents. Guide, Dr. Hommel.

August 30.—New York Botanical Garden. Leave Grand Central Station at 1.30 p. m. Guide will meet party at Bronx Park Station.

September 6.—Pelhamville, N. Y. Leave Grand Central Station at 1.30 p. m. Excursion fare, 60 cents. Guide, Mr. Ericson.

September 13.—Richmond, Staten Island. Leave foot of Whitehall Street by ferry at 1.30 p. m. Take Midland trolley to Richmond. Excursion fare, 20 cents. Guide, Miss Motts.

September 20.—Rockaway Park, Long Island. Leave Brooklyn Bridge at 1 p. m. Excursion fare, 30 cents. Guide, Mr. McCallum.

September 27.—Moonachie, N. J. Leave foot of Christopher Street by ferry at 1 p. m. Take Rutherford trolley to Lieve's Road-House. Excursion fare, 20 cents. Guide, Mr. Eugene Smith.

October 4.—Plainfield, N. J. Leave foot of Liberty Street by ferry at 10 a. m. Excursion fare, \$1.10. Guide, Miss Noll.

NEWS ITEMS

F. V. Coville, N. L. Britton, Gifford Pinchot, and J. M. Macfarlane have been appointed advisers in botany for the Carnegie Institution.

Mr. G. V. Nash, head gardener of the New York Botanical Garden, is in Europe for the purpose of visiting and studying some of the botanical gardens of England and the Continent.

Miss Julia T. Emerson, who has been carrying on special mycological studies at the New York Botanical Garden, has been

appointed a temporary assistant in the botanical department of Purdue University.

An expedition under the leadership of Mr. O. F. Cook, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has recently visited Guatemala with the special aim of gathering information in regard to the rubber industry.

"A Monograph on any genus or group of Thallophytes" is a subject for which the Boston Society of Natural History offers one of its Walker Prizes for the year 1903. The prize offered for the best memoir is sixty dollars, though this may be increased to one hundred dollars for a memoir of marked merit at the discretion of the committee. A second prize not exceeding fifty dollars may also be awarded. Memoirs submitted in competition must be in the hands of the secretary of the Society on or before April 1, 1903.

Dr. Oliver R. Willis died on April 27th at his home in White Plains, N. Y., aged eighty-seven years. Most of Dr. Willis's life was devoted to teaching, and he was well known as the editor and reviser of Alphonso Wood's widely used botanical text-books. He was the author, also, of a "Catalogue of Plants growing without Cultivation in the State of New Jersey," a "Report of the Flora of Westchester County" [New York], and of "A Practical Flora for Schools and Colleges." Dr. Willis was one of the earlier members of the Torrey Botanical Club.

A private letter brings news of the death of George S. Jenman, F.L.S., who was doubtless the best informed of any person in the world in regard to the field study of the ferns of British tropical America. From 1873-1879 he was Superintendent of the Botanical Garden at Castleton, Jamaica, and since 1879 he had been Government Botanist of British Guiana and Superintendent of the Botanical Garden at Georgetown. Mr. Jenman described many new ferns, mostly in the *Gardener's Chronicle* and the *Journal of Botany*, and between 1890 and 1898 published a synoptical list of the ferns of Jamaica with full descriptions. He began also a conspectus of the ferns and fern-allies of the British West Indies and Guiana, of which five parts had been issued at the time of his death.